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All:

I do not think that we need to have a call with the Pueblos, nor is there a need to continue air sampling beyond today (pick up samples AM tomorrow). We have flown and posted ASPECT data for the Cochiti and Jemez Pueblos, nothing above normal background levels. Also, NMED plans to follow up with these Pueblos to see if they have questions on the ASPECT graphics. We have had an air sampler on the San Ildefonso Pueblo (immediately down the hill from Los Alamos) and up to 3 samplers on the Santa Clara Pueblo (immediately north) since the start of our air sampling, initial lab results show nothing of concern. Santa Clara Pueblo is currently under threat from the fire as it has moved up Santa Clara Canyon, but there are no LANL storage facilities in that area, all smoke issues would be from the forest burning, not any hazardous or radiological materials.

Warren

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Is there any way we could call to discuss this decision with the affected Pueblos first with regard to a couple of the samplers in Indian country to see if they have continuing concerns?

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**Subject:** Las Conchas Fire Update - July 04  
Just spoke with OSC Zehner in New Mexico

- To the surprise of everyone, the Fire Chief and Mayor of Los

Alamos lifted the evacuation order this morning.

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- The State EOC told OSC Zehner the EOC would be closing down tomorrow.
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- Therefore, OSC Zehner, to deal with incoming population, and closing of State EOC, has decided to pull our samplers out tomorrow while pulling the samples. The EOC is fine with this plan.
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- They will still have some closeout activities (including working with State on data issues), so Zehner will still be in NM until Wednesday morning. Tentative meeting with NMED Secretary on Tuesday.
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- From all indications, State EOC and NMED are extremely pleased with our response activities.

Faithfully yours  
Steve

"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

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